

"Hospitals would have to scramble to make up the loss," he said, and some might do that through cutbacks, or through attempts to make up the revenue elsewhere.

That in turn creates pressure for rate increases.

Shyavitz said hospitals cannot simply raise rates, and would have to negotiate increases with health insurance companies. But she said many hospitals will want to do that if the cuts materialize.

Shyavitz said she is confident that Massachusetts congressmen and senators, including Sen. John Kerry and Sen. Edward Kennedy, and U.S. Reps. James McGovern and Barney Frank, will oppose the cuts.

Kennedy has already spoken out by telling the Associated Press that Bush's budget proposal "shortchanges our competitiveness, shortchanges our opportunity, and shortchanges our future."

NEIL BORTZ HONORED AS A GREAT LIVING CINCINNATIAN

HON. JEAN SCHMIDT

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 14, 2006

Mrs. SCHMIDT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Neil Bortz, a residential and commercial developer, community leader, philanthropist, and visionary, who will be formally honored as a Great Living Cincinnati on February 16 by the Greater Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce.

The Chamber has bestowed this award on distinguished members of the community annually since 1967. Recipients of this prestigious award are chosen on the basis of professional achievement; community service; leadership; compassion; and vision. Past honorees have included Neil Armstrong, Dr. Albert Sabin and Charles Scripps.

Mr. Bortz built his career on an uphill challenge: launching the Mount Adams renaissance in the early 1960s as a founding partner in Towne Properties before going on to develop properties across Cincinnati, Dayton, Lexington and Florida. He has made countless improvements to our community and raised the quality of life for many in our region.

In addition to sparking the rebirth of the picturesque, hilltop neighborhood of Cincinnati's Mount Adams, Mr. Bortz also helped lead the housing renaissance in downtown Cincinnati with several award-winning residential developments. His most recent projects include residential properties along the Ohio River. Mr. Bortz has also made an impact on our area by creating great places to live, work and shop in the Cincinnati suburbs.

Mr. Bortz has been active in many arts, civic and philanthropic activities, including serving as founding chair of the Walnut Hills High School Alumni Foundation, which recently completed a new Arts & Sciences wing. Other boards include Cincinnati Art Museum, Cincinnati Equity Fund, National Conference of Christians and Jews, Reds Hall of Fame, Advisory Board to the Cincinnati Park Board, Jewish Federation of Cincinnati, Playhouse in the Park, the Harvard Club of Cincinnati, the Greater Cincinnati Convention and Visitors Bureau and Cincinnati Country Day School. Among his many honors include the first University of Cincinnati Distinguished Service Award, Cincinnati Region Entrepreneur of the Year, and National Conference of Christian and Jews Outstanding Citizen Award.

Mr. Bortz earned his Master of Business Administration from Harvard University. He has three sons, all of whom work with him at Towne Properties, two stepchildren, and six grandchildren.

All of us in the Greater Cincinnati area congratulate Mr. Bortz on being named a Great Living Cincinnati.

HONORING JAMES P. HOFFA

HON. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 14, 2006

Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. James P. Hoffa for his strong leadership and commitment to working families.

As the only son of James R. Hoffa, former General President of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Mr. Hoffa grew up on picket lines and in union meetings. James P. Hoffa became a Teamster member himself on his 18th birthday when his father swore him in. As a young Teamster, Hoffa worked as a laborer in Detroit and Alaska, loading and unloading freight from ships, driving trucks and buses and operating heavy equipment.

At Michigan State University, Hoffa played football for legendary Coach Duffy Daugherty and graduated with a degree in Economics. He went on to receive his Law degree from the University of Michigan, and worked as a Teamster attorney from 1968 through 1993. From 1993 to 1998, Hoffa worked at Michigan Joint Council 43.

In 1999 Hoffa was elected General President of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters. Under his leadership, Teamsters are winning industry-leading contracts, engaging in contract enforcement and organizing thousands of new members.

The Union's renewed commitment to political action includes DRIVING America's Future, a new initiative that encourages and supports Teamster members running for political office. This effort will ensure even more Teamster influence in state and national government.

James P. Hoffa has spent a lifetime preparing for the challenge of running the Teamsters Union. He knows, first-hand, what Teamsters can accomplish when they work together. He is determined to lead a Union that is a credit to its proud history.

Mr. Speaker and distinguished colleagues, please join me in honoring Mr. James P. Hoffa for his life's work in building better lives for our families, our communities and our country.

IN HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE OF CHRISTOPHER PENN

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 14, 2006

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and remembrance of Christopher Penn, cherished son, brother, brother-in-law, uncle and friend. Mr. Penn's insightful cinematic performances reflected the human condition with subtle power, in a style that ranged from comedic and sublime to rage and despair. His

brilliant character portrayals resonated with moviegoers worldwide, connecting us all in our shared humanity.

Although not often cast as the leading man, Mr. Penn's beautifully understated performances consistently lent grace and authenticity to every role he played. From his endearing performance as an insecure teenager in Footloose, to his colorful and unforgettable performances in Reservoir Dogs, True Romance, The Funeral, Pale Rider and Mulholland Falls, Mr. Penn's personal integrity and depth of character clearly radiated onscreen.

Mr. Penn began his film career as a child actor in the 1970's. His performances in more than forty films captured the hearts of moviegoers and earned the respect and admiration of both colleagues and critics. In 1996, Mr. Penn won a Venice Film Festival Award for Best Supporting Actor for his performance in the "The Funeral." He also was nominated for an Independent Spirit Award and a Genie Award.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honor and remembrance of Christopher Penn, whose young life was framed by family, friends and his exceptional artistic dedication. I offer my deepest condolences to his mother and father, Leo and Eileen; to his brothers, Michael and Sean; to his sisters-in-law, Aimee and Robin; and to his many extended family members and friends. Mr. Penn's gentle spirit and kind heart will live on forever within the hearts of his family and friends, and he will be remembered always by his adoring audience.

RECOGNIZING LOCAL SOLDIERS FOR THEIR SERVICE TO THIS NATION

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 14, 2006

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, I stand here today to express gratitude to a number of soldiers from Western New York who have recently completed a tour of duty where they fought heroically on behalf of the United States of America.

In particular, I would like to recognize SGT Benn, SSG Benson, SGT Carr, SFC Collins, MAJ Dukes, SSG Hendricks, SSG Jindra, SGT Kulesz, SSG LaBuda, SSG Lemay, SFC Liberatore, SFC Press, SSG Printup, SPC Santiago and SFC Schuler, just a few of our local heroes who selflessly put their lives on the line to protect and improve the lives of those in this country and others worldwide.

These decorated men and women have demonstrated supreme courage and commitment through their call to duty and fight for liberty. Their valiant efforts are the reason why we continue to be the "land of the free and the home of the brave."

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the residents of the 27th Congressional District and all Americans I wish to extend my sincerest appreciation to these courageous and noble soldiers. Their service and sacrifices help protect the safety and freedoms that make this Nation great.